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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT PROTECTING MINORS FROM THE HEALTH RISKS
ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF TANNING DEVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-232 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Consumer" means any individual who (A) is provided access to
5 a tanning facility in exchange for a fee or other compensation, or (B) in
6 exchange for a fee or other compensation, is afforded use of a tanning
7 device as a condition or benefit of membership or access;

8 (2) "Minor" means a consumer who is under eighteen years of age;

9 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) "Operator" means an individual designated by the tanning
10 facility to control operation of the tanning facility and to instruct and
11 assist the consumer in the proper operation of the tanning device;

12 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) "Tanning device" means any equipment that emits radiation
13 used for tanning of the skin, such as a sunlamp, tanning booth or

14 tanning bed that emits ultraviolet radiation, and includes any
15 accompanying equipment, such as timers or handrails; and

16 [(4)] (5) "Tanning facility" means any place where a tanning device
17 is used for a fee, membership dues or other compensation.

18 (b) [Any operator who, knowing that a person is under sixteen years
19 of age or under circumstances where such operator should know that a
20 person is under sixteen years of age, allows such person to use a
21 tanning device without the written consent of a parent or guardian
22 shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars.] No minor shall be
23 permitted to use a tanning device while at a tanning facility unless,
24 prior to the minor's use of the tanning device, the operator (1) provides
25 written materials concerning the health risks associated with the use of
26 tanning devices, including the risks of developing melanoma, to both
27 the minor and a parent or guardian accompanying the minor, and (2)
28 obtains written consent to the minor's use of the tanning device from a
29 parent or guardian accompanying the minor. Any operator who fails
30 to comply with the provisions of this subsection shall be fined not
31 more than one hundred dollars. Such fine shall be payable to the
32 municipal health department or health district for the municipality in
33 which the tanning facility is located.

34 (c) Any municipal health department established under this chapter
35 and any district department of health established under chapter 368f
36 may, within its available resources, enforce the provisions of this
37 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	19a-232

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Statement of Purpose:

To require a parent or guardian of a minor to accompany the minor to a tanning facility and require such parent or guardian to provide written consent to the minor's use of the tanning device after

reviewing written materials concerning the health risks associated with the use of tanning devices.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]